

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-32 were examined and reported in the Office Action, the Examiner allowing Claims 9-14, 24-29 and 32 and rejecting Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 15-23, 30 and 31. In response to the claim rejections, as noted by the Examiner, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 15-23, 30 and 31. Claims 9-14, 24-29 and 32 remain.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests reconsideration of the application and submits that the remaining claims which the Examiner has deemed allowable, namely Claims 9-14, 24-29 and 32 patentably define the subject invention, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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